

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 1 with:

The cable 1 is cut into a predetermined length by the cable-cutting/imprinting unit shown in Fig.3. The cable-cutting/imprinting unit includes: a reel 14 around which the cable 1 is wound and stored; upstream feed rollers 15A and 15B vertically forming a pair to draw the cable 1 from the reel 14; downstream feed rollers 17A and 17B disposed downstream from the upstream feed rollers 15A and 15B in a direction 16 of movement of the cable 1 and vertically forming a pair; cutting blades 18A and 18B disposed centrally between the upstream feed rollers 15A and 15B and the downstream feed rollers 17A and 17B and vertically forming a pair; an upstream guide tube 19 disposed between the upstream feed rollers 15A and 15B and the cutting blades 18A and 18B; a downstream guide tube 20 disposed between the cutting blades 18A and 18B and the downstream feed rollers 17A and 17B; and an imprinting device 30. The downstream guide tube 20 is rotatable about an axis of a support shaft 20A 20a mounted at an axially central portion thereof.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 with:

Steps of cutting the cable 1 and marking the information on the cable 1 by the cable-cutting/imprinting unit will be described with reference to Figs.4A to 4J. The cable 1 is drawn from the reel 14 by the rotation of the upstream feed rollers 15A and 15B, as shown in Fig.4A. In a state in which a leading end of the cable 1 has entered into the downstream guide tube 20 by a predetermined length, the pair of upper and lower cutting blades 18A and 18B are operated from the non-cutting position to the coat-cutting position, and thereafter the cable 1 is returned so that its leading end

recedes into the upstream guide roller 19 by the reverse rotation of the upstream feed rollers 15A and 15B, as shown in Fig.B Fig. 4B. Thus, the coat portion at the leading end of the cable 1 is peeled off, and the removed coat portion is left in the downstream guide tube 20. Thereupon, when the cutting blades 18A and 18B are operated to the non-cutting position and the downstream guide tube 20 is turned to assume a vertical attitude, as shown in Fig.4C, the removed coat portion left in the downstream guide tube 20 is discharged.